

571—51.3(481A) Use of firearms.

51.3(1) Restrictions. The use or possession of firearms on certain game management areas is restricted.

a. Target shooting, for the purposes of this rule, is defined as the discharge of a firearm for any reason other than the taking of, or attempting to take, any game birds, game animals, or furbearers. Target shooting with shotguns shooting shot is not restricted to a specific range, except as otherwise provided. Target shooters using shotguns with lead shot cannot discharge the shot over water.

b. Target shooting shall occur only on the designated and posted shooting range.

c. Any person target shooting with any type of handgun or any type of rifle, or shooting shotgun slugs through a shotgun, must fire through one of the firing tubes, if provided, or at the firing points on the rifle or pistol range.

d. It is a violation of these rules to place any target on the top of the earthen backstop or to fire at any target placed on top of the backstop.

e. The shotgun range, if provided, is restricted to the use of shotguns and the shooting of shotshells only.

f. Target shooting shall occur only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

g. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the shooting range or adjacent parking area.

h. Target shooting is restricted to legal firearms and shall not be done with any fully automatic pistol, rifle, or shotgun of any kind. No armor-piercing ammunition is permitted.

i. Targets are restricted to paper or cardboard targets or metal silhouette-type targets. No glass, plastic containers, appliances, or other materials may be used. Targets must be removed from the area after use or must be disposed of in trash receptacles if provided.

j. All requirements listed in this subrule shall apply to the following shooting ranges:

- (1) Banner Mine Area – Warren County.
- (2) Bays Branch Area – Guthrie County.
- (3) Brushy Creek Area – Webster County.
- (4) Hawkeye Wildlife Area – Johnson County.
- (5) Hull Wildlife Area – Mahaska County.
- (6) Mines of Spain – Dubuque County.
- (7) Ocheyedon Wildlife Area – Clay County.
- (8) Princeton Wildlife Area – Scott County.
- (9) Spring Run Wildlife Area – Dickinson County.

k. In addition to the requirements listed, the following shooting range has specific restrictions.

Oyens Shooting Range – Plymouth County. The range is closed to the public except between 9 a.m. and sunset. Law enforcement firearms training and qualification of local, county, state or federal officers shall have priority over general public use of the range. Shotguns shooting birdshot may be fired outside the firing tubes, but within the designated range area. General shooting by the public shall take place on a first-come, first-served basis.

l. McIntosh Wildlife Area - Cerro Gordo County. The use or possession of firearms, except shotguns shooting shot only, is prohibited.

51.3(2) Use of paintball guns. The use of any item generally referred to as a paintball gun is prohibited on all game management areas.